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1. VISIT TO ROMANIA, APRIL 5-8, OF MEXICAN COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT MINISTER, EUGENIO MENDEZ DOCURRO, FOLLOWED SHORTLY AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GOR AND MEXICO HAVE AGREED ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THIS, AND FACT THAT CEAUSESCU IS KNOWN TO WANT TO INCLUDE MEXICO ON EXTENDED LATIN AMERICAN TRIP CURRENTLY BEING PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE EARLY THIS FALL, HAS PROMPTED SPECULATION THAT MENDEZ MAY HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF CEAUSESCU VISIT TO MEXICO. HOWEVER, NO HINT OF POSSIBLE VISIT CONTAINED IN PRESS ACCOUNT OF APRIL 7 MENDEZ MEETING WITH CEAUSESCU.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, CEAUSESCU AND MENDEZ TOOK UP "ASPECTS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS." BULK OF ACCOUNT DEVOTED TO UNUSUALLY SYRUPY EXPRESSIONS OF ADMIRATION ALLEGEDLY VOICED BY MENDEZ FOR CEAUSESCU'S "PRODIGIOUS ACTIVITY IN THE SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE," FOR ROMANIA'S "FAR-SIGHTED FOREIGN POLICY," FOR THE "ESPECIAL PRESTIGE ENJOYED BY CEAUSESCU IN MEXICO."

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3 . PRESS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT MENDEZ HAD MEETING WITH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATAN. ALTHOUGH HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON ROUNDS BY OCTAVIAN GROZA (MINISTER SECRETARY OF STATE AND FIRST VICE- PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) AND A DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT MENDEZ DELEGATION CALLED AT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR HELD DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC SUBJECTS OTHER THAN FOREIGN TRADE.
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